

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John D. WINTER, et al.

Appl. No.: To be Assigned
Divisional of 09/467,384

Filed: February 13, 2001

For: **Method for Withdrawing and
Dewatering Slag from a
Gasification System** (as amended)

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Atty. Docket: 06950.0167.DVUS02

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following
Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments

In the Title:

Change the title to read:

--Method for Withdrawing and Dewatering Slag from a Gasification System--.

In the Claims:

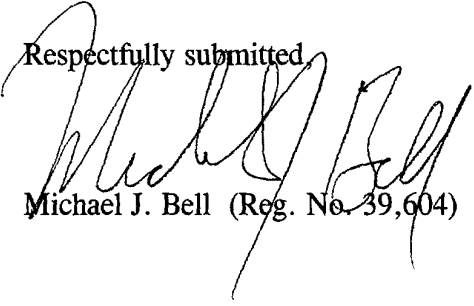
Delete claims 1-121 in the application.

Remarks

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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